The validity of the patent registered expired on 11.3.1974 and thus no action could possibly be taken by the owners o the patent.

Opposition of All India Ex-servicemen's Welfare Association to Implementation of Mandal Commission's Report

3095. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that All India Ex-servicemen's Welfare Association was opposed the implementation of the Mandal Commission's report in regard to reservation in Government jobs. as announced recently; and

(b) if so. what action Government propose to take to ameliorate the grievances of about half of the 50,000 to 60,000 soldiers retiring every year from service?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) The All-India Ex-Servicemen Welfare Association has represented that it should be ensured that ex-servicemen do not suffer on account of Government's acceptance of the recommendation of the Second Backward Classes Commission on reservation for the SEBCs in jobs under the Central Government but also have the important aspect of reservation for ex-servicemen given proper statutory backing.

(b) The representation is under consideration.

Selection of Players for Chess Tournament in Chile

3096. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the games/sports approved by Government to be sponsored to the players to participate in world events;

(b) whether it is a fact that during August a girl and a boy were selected by chess federation to participate in World Junior Chess Tournament held in Chile;

(c) when their names were cleared by Government; when was the tournament scheduled;

(d) whether they were paid for the tickets; if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether chess players were paid tickets in similar circumstances earlier; if so. the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) The Department of Youth Affairs & Sports receives proposals from time to time from various National Sports Federations Associations for the participation of our sportspersons in International tournaments. These proposals are examined in accordance with the Guidelines "Operation Excellence". While clearing proposals at Cost to Government, emphasis is principally on disciplines identified for India's participation in the forthcoming Asian Games. Chess is not one of them.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The tournament was scheduled to be held from August 16, 1990. Government did not clear the proposal initially. The All India Chess Federation (AICF) was advised of this decision on August 1, 1990. Some representations were received later, on 8th August, 1990. On reconsideration, Government decided to clear the proposal at "No Cost to Government" and orders were issued on 13th August, 1990.

Since two other juniors teams of the All India Chess Federation had already been cleared for international events at Government Cost in the

same financial year, the instant proposal was cleared at "No Cost to Government". Their tickets were consequently not paid for by the Department.

(e) Yes, Sir. Apart from the two Junior teams mentioned above, Government has also cleared the participation of two chess players in the World Juniors Chess Championship at Columbia in August, 1989 at Government Cost. However, the performance of the players was not satisfactory at the Columbia event. One player came 7th out of 24 participants and the other got 26th position out of 50 participants. The Reports in respect of the 2 teams mentioned in the reply to part (c) and (d) have not so far been received from the All India Chess Federation.

Setting up of Atomic Power Plant in Andhra Pradesh

3097. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present stage of the proposal for setting up of atomic power plant at any of the sites at Kovvada and Kotcherla as suggested by the Andhra Pradesh Government whether there have been any objections for them from the public: and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) and (b) A Technical Committee constituted by the Department of Atomic Energy for exploration of sites for nuclear power plants in Andhra Pradesh and Kerala of the Southern Electricity Region is examining various sites, including Kovvada and Kotcherla in Andhra Pradesh proposed by Andhra Pradesh Government. It is premature to indicate the status on setting up of nuclear power plants at these sites, as selection of sites for nuclear power plants would depend upon fulfilment of requisite criteria after a process of review by the various agencies such as Site Selection Committee, Atomic Energy Commission, Atomic Energy Regulatory Board and Ministry of Environment and Forests. Besides, the Government's decision for setting up a plant is also required to be consistent with the plan for electricity generation including from nuclear sources, resource availability, need for electricity in different regions of the country, etc. No formal representation has been received in the Department from public raising specific objection in regard to Kovvada or Kotcherla sites.

Pollution of Beaches by Industries

3098. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any guidelines, have been laid down for the location of industries in the vicinity of sea coasts in order to prevent pollution of beaches;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that in many places including in Goa, a large number of industries have been issued licences to function neor the sea beacres; and

(d) if so, what action is being taken to remove such industries to distant places so as to avoid danger of pollution of beaches?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) and (b) In the Notification recently issued under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 provisions have been made and guidelines laid down for regulating activities in the coastal areas These include restriction on location of industries, except those directly related to sea front or directly needing foreshore facilities, within 500 metres of the High Tide Line.